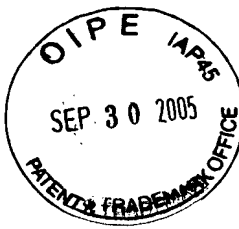


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/attached Substitute Abstract in the above-identified application.

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 14, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 7 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.